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SUBJECT: CRC REJECTS LABOR PARTY NO-CONFIDENCE MOTION

REF: CAPE TOWN 0761

1. ON NOVEMBER 13, BY A VOTE OF 29-28 (WITH SPEAKER EXERCISING HIS RIGHT TO CAST DOUBLE VOTE TO BREAK A TIE AND WITH FOUR ABSENCES - THREE INDEPENDENTS PLUS LEADER OF FEDERAL PARTY WHO STILL HOSPITALIZED) COLOURED PERSONS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL REJECTED LABOR PARTY MOTION EXPRESSING NO-CONFIDENCE IN CHAIRMAN OF CRC EXECUTIVE, MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE AND IN GOVERNMENT'S SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT POLICY. CRC THE PASSED FEDERAL PARTY MOTION EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE IN CRC EXECUTIVE, REJECTING PRINCIPLE OF SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT AND FAVORING USE OF CRC AND OTHER EXISTING INSTITUTIONS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS COLORED PEOPLE OBTAIN DIRECT PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATION.

2. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH DIRECTOR OF AF/S, O'NEILL, LEADER OF LABOR PARTY EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH OUTCOME,
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NOTING THIS WAS FIRST TIME CRC SPEAKER HAD BEEN "FORCED" TO USE

DOUBLE VOTE AND REPRESENTED MORAL VICTORY FOR LABOR'S POSITION.
LEON SAID THAT TOM SWARTZ' ILLNESS (HE REPORTEDLY REMAINS IN
COMA AT HOSPITAL) HAD DEFUSED REBELLION AGAINST SWARTZ WITHIN
FEDERAL PARTY AND THUS SERVED TO PREVENT ADOPTION OF HIS NO-CONFIDENCE

MOTION. LEON INDICATED THAT CURRENT CRC SESSION WOULD PROBABLY
LAST ABOUT 10 DAYS. HE GAVE NO INDICATION OF PLANS FOR FURTHER
DISRUPTION OTHER THAN TO SAY HE WOULD NOW CONCENTRATE ON
"EMBARRASSMENT AND PRESSURIZATION" OF GOVERNMENT.

3. LEON ADMITTED THAT, ALTHOUGH HIS PARTY HAD DEVELOPED
STRONG GRASS-ROOTS SUPPORT AMONG VOTERS, VICTORY IN MARCH CRC
ELECTIONS WAS NOT FOREGONE CONCLUSION. FOR ONE THING, MANY
COLORED INTELLECTUALS, LARGELY DISENCHANTED, WOULD NOT VOTE.
THEN, HE SAID, RURAL COLOREDS WERE UNDER PATERNALISTIC CONTROL
OF THEIR EMPLOYERS, MANY OF WHOM WOULD SEE THAT THEY VOTE FOR
PRO-GOVERNMENT FEDERAL PARTY.
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